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The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

God is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

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One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple.

For God will shelter me in the day of trouble;

God will conceal and cover me; God will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

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Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,

be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord,

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and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

All: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

[NRSV, adapted]